

Future Home of John Lockwood Plumbing

357 Timothy Lane, Beh Industrial Park

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Ontario – As of last week, the 10,000 square foot structure was still in the skeletal stages, with just the wooden trusses standing erect at the Timothy Lane work site. But hopefully by July, if not sooner, the building will house the entire operation of John Lockwood Plumbing, a nearly 40 year old business that’s moving from its longtime home in Webster to the new building in Ontario’s Beh Industrial Park. John Lockwood founded the firm nearly 40 years ago and has operated the business in Webster on County Line Road for decades. But those

headquarters are now simply too small for the burgeoning company. “We just outgrew this place, Lockwood said of his company’s Webster location. “We needed a new shop.” With many clients and contacts in Ontario, the move to Beh Industrial Park seemed like a logical one.

“We do a lot of work in Ontario, and we know everybody in Ontario,” said Lockwood, who added that he also likes the location of the new headquarters, right off of Route 104. To sweeten the move, the company is receiving tax breaks from local government. The primary purpose of the new building will continue to be plumbing service and repairs, which will take place in a state-of-the-art workshop. Over the last four decades, Lockwood has serviced all sorts of clients, from single-family homes up to commercial properties like restaurants and mini-plazas.

However, the new structure will also contain a showroom that displays the tools and parts the company uses on its service jobs.

“We want to let people come in and see what we use,” Lockwood said. “The showroom will help us sell our jobs.” Finally, the new structure will also include the firm’s administrative offices, and the building will be surrounded by attractive landscaping. “We want to make it really nice,” Lockwood said.

Lockwood inherited his love of plumbing from his father, who inspired the junior Lockwood to open his own firm in 1972. “I just picked it up from there,” he said. The business currently boasts 14 employees, but Lockwood hopes to expand its workforce after the company completes its move to Ontario. Partnering with John Lockwood is his son, Gary, an Ontario resident who oversees the day-to-day operations of the business. For more information about John Lockwood Plumbing, call (585) 265-0736. The company plans to put up a web site after its move is completed. (Wayne County Mail by Ryan Whirty, April 1, 2010)